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Seventeenth Reunion Held September 7, 8, 1921
at Boston, Mass.

The seventeenth annual reunion was held September 7 and 8, 1921, in the Hotel Vendome, Boston, Mass. On Wednesday, the 7th, the informal gathering of the clan was held, fourteen states being represented, with letters and telegrams from a number of other states. The following named descendants were registered during the two days' session:

Batchelder, Mrs. Louise Wolcott, Springfield, Mass.
Bliss, Harry A., East Cleveland, Ohio.
Bliss, Mrs. Harry A., East Cleveland, Ohio.
Boyd, Harriet T., Dedham, Mass.
Connolly, Mrs. Ellen Louise, Dorchester, Mass.
Cressey, Elizabeth Wolcott, Beverly, Mass.
Havens, Mrs. Cora Wolcott, Hartford, Conn.
Hull, Riel E., Maumee, Ohio.
Hayes, Ellen, Wellesley, Mass.
Hayes, Stanley Wolcott, Richmond, Ind.
Hayes, Mrs. Stanley Wolcott, Richmond, Ind.
Jones, Nathan H., Poultney, Vt.
Marshall, J. P., New York City.
Park, Mr. and Mrs. Grant, Athens, Pa.
Paine, N. Emmons, West Newton, Mass.
Thompson, Col. Charles E., Hartford, Conn.
Walcott, Clifton H., D.D., Winchester, Mass.
Wallace, Maroquita Hayes, Spring City, Tenn.
Wolcott, Miss Ada M., Dover, N. H.
Wolcott, Caroline A., Cambridge, Mass.
Wolcott, Edmund, New York City.
Wolcott, Dr. Edwin H., Rochester, N. Y.
Wolcott, Henry, Providence, R. I.
Wolcott, Mrs. James R., Red Bank, N. J.
Wolcott, James R., Red Bank, N. J.
Wolcott, John G., Lowell, Mass.
Wolcott, John M., Washington, D. C.
Wolcott, Judson E., Cleveland, Ohio
Wolcott, Mrs. Judson E., Cleveland, Ohio
Wolcott, L. Bruce, Baltimore, Md.
Wolcott, Mrs. L. Bruce, Baltimore, Md.

Wolcott, Martha P., Salem, Mass.
Wolcott, Raymond F., Providence, R. I.
Wolcott, Mrs. Raymond F., Providence R. I.
Wolcott, Roger, Milton, Mass.
Wolcott, Sanford, Newton, Mass.
Wolcott, Samuel F., Salem, Mass.
Wolcott, Walter Bissell, Newton, Mass.
Wolcott, Mrs. Walter Bissell, Newton, Mass.
Wood, Mrs. Harry T., Danvers, Mass.
Woodman, Mrs. Susan, Dover, N. H.

Morning Session, September 8, 1921

The first regular session of the seventeenth annual meeting of the society was held in the assembly room of the Hotel Vendome, Thursday morning, September 8th. President Judson Wolcott, of Cleveland, introduced the Reverend Clifton H. Walcott, of Winchester, Mass., who made the invocation which was followed by the speech of greeting by the president, who concluded by introducing State Treasurer, James Jackson, who had been delegated by Governor Cox to welcome the Wolcott family to Boston. Mr. Jackson told the society that it was peculiarly fitting that he had been chosen to speak, since he had been brought up with Wolcotts. At this point he pointed across the street to the home of the late Governor Roger Wolcott and added that he had spent no small part of his childhood playing with the Wolcott boys on the mall, often indulging in boyish pranks that involved both him and a Wolcott.

Becoming more serious, he declared that the State, New England and even the country owed much to the Wolcott family and to the present descendants, who have for a background "pioneer experience" and the highest type of citizenship.

Dr. Edwin Wolcott, of Rochester, N. Y., replied to Mr. Jackson's speech as follows:

"It is with extreme pleasure and a keen sense of appreciation of the honor which has been allotted to me, that I take this occasion, in the name of the Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott, to extend our most sincere thanks to the spokesman for the Governor of this great Commonwealth for his cordial and kindly words in welcoming us to this city and state, where so many distinguished members of our family have been born and reared; where scores of Wolcotts have lived and died, respected and, in not a few instances, signally honored by their fellow-men; and where so many illustrious sons and daughters of our large and growing family are today living and laboring, many of them already having achieved unusual success and even fame in their chosen work.

"It is safe to say that there are more men, women and children with Wolcott blood in their veins living in New England, and chiefly here in Boston and nearby cities and towns, than in any other section of the country. For it was here that Henry Wolcott settled ten years after the Mayflower landed, and it was here that he and his immediate descendants reared their families. It is here that children, grand-children and great grand-children have lived, and thrived and prospered in the greatest numbers.

"In passing, may I not point with pride and call the attention of the Governor's representative to the fact that our pleasure in welcoming him and in being welcomed by him today, is intensified by the fact that one Wolcott already has occupied the Governor's chair in this great state, and three other Wolcotts have held similar office in the neighbor-

ing state of Connecticut. It was my privilege to meet the late Hon. Roger Wolcott, Governor of Massachusetts from 1897 to 1899, in his office in the Statehouse during the last year of his term of office. He was subsequently tendered the posts of United States Ambassador to Italy and to the Philippines, honors which he declined. He was the first president of the Republican Club of Massachusetts.

"The first Roger Wolcott, son of Henry Wolcott for whom this society was named, was Governor of Connecticut before the Revolution, and he had three children who, in their turn, were noted. Alexander Wolcott—I say it in all modesty—was a prominent physician and the first of the Wolcotts to enter a profession. Oliver Wolcott, youngest son of Roger, threatened to become a medical practitioner also, but changed his mind soon enough to be elected a Governor of Connecticut, succeeding his father. He was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Ursula Wolcott, the third child, married the Hon. Matthew Griswold, then Governor of Connecticut, and thus kept the Statehouse in the family throughout her generation. Still later, another Oliver Wolcott was elevated to the highest office within the gift of the people of Connecticut. All of which, it seems to me, gives the Wolcott family a fairly good political foundation.

"In closing, I want to say that it strikes me as being especially significant and appropriate that this family gathering of Wolcotts from coast to coast should occur this year in New England at just this time, when all peoples are celebrating the tercentenary of the Landing of the Pilgrims. It is with a feeling of distinct pride that we recall the parts played by Wolcotts in the early history of our country, and especially in the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut, and I venture the prediction that there are yet those of our family who will duplicate the deeds of our Pilgrim ancestors. Let us not sit back and bask in the sunlight of reputation and high ideals which they have left as a heritage to all Americans and as an example and precept for us, in whose veins flows the same blood. Rather let us be proud with the pride of attaining for ourselves and future generations of Wolcotts those attributes of splendid courage, simplicity, faith, truth, industry, perseverance and justice which we associate with their memory."

At the close of Dr. Wolcott's address the letters, telegrams and cablegrams of regret were read from the following: Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Mary Wolcott Green, Florida; Historian, Chandler H. Wolcott, Rochester, N. Y.; State Vice-President, Mrs. Blanch Wolcott Hogan, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wolcott, Colorado; Catherine Wolcott Perry, Italy.

As the secretary was absent for the first time during the twelve years of her connection with the society, Mrs. J. P. Marshall, of New York City, was asked to take her place. Following the reading of the deaths in the family occurring during the year, the Lord's Prayer was repeated and a moment of silence was given, in memory of those gone on.

The following report of the Secretary was then read and adopted:

Report of the Secretary of The Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott

Year Ending September 1, 1921

Fellow Members of the Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott:

You cannot know how great the disappointment has been that I have not found it possible to meet with you. I can scarcely realize that I must give it up, for I have looked forward to the meeting each year. However, as it is, I shall be with you in mind and heart, and make my report as brief as possible. With your kind permission, I will include in the report when printed such additional material as comes in later.

As you may remember, last year I was told to get help for the routine work, and I have done so this year. However, it has not been wholly satisfactory, since the names of eight of our members were omitted, Mr. Chandler Wolcott, our historian, Mr. Edmund Wolcott, State Vice-President from New York, Mr. Warner Wolcott one of our oldest members, Mr. Craig W. Green, of the Press Committee, Mrs. Clara M. Graves, Mrs. Martin Houseman, and Miss Vivian Starz Pape. I have written to each of these, explaining so far as possible how the mistake was made, and trust that it may be overlooked.

Also the name of John A. Wolcott, of Rochester, N. Y., belongs in the list of corresponding members. Having corrected these mistakes, I shall begin the report of this year's work.

The change in memberships together with the lineage required has made the number of new members less this year than last, and doubtless the initiation fee has made some difference, but I believe will work for the betterment of the Society. I am continually in receipt of inquiries, and have sent out many copies of "Facts," referring the applicants to the registrar and the historian.

We have had eleven new members this year. Seven of these joined before the first of January, so there was no initiation fee, and two of the others are already members by right of being under eighteen years of age. Our former President, Mr. Eben H. Wolcott, of Indiana, now State Vice-President, sent in the dues of his little grand-daughter, Jean Lister Wolcott. She is now our youngest member. Mrs. Edna Wolcott Parkes, of Chicago, sent the dues for her little daughter, thirteen years old, Helen Wolcott Parkes, who has just graduated from grammar school in that city.

Owing to the lateness in receiving the report of the Registrar it did not get to the assistant in time to get in the printed pamphlet. Her letter and genealogical material, as well as the new application forms show how much she has the welfare of the Society at heart. All this work has been done under stress of sorrow, as she lost her mother this year,

and has changed her home conditions. I should like to incorporate the report in the next booklet.

Although the membership has not increased so greatly, the number of inquiries and letters remains the same showing that the publicity of the Society is spreading. Two of the great newspaper almanacs have sent in blanks to be filled out, namely the *New York World*, and the *Brooklyn Eagle*. I suppose that we shall appear in the 1922 editions of these almanacs.

The reports were late again this year, but the amount of time taken in preparation of this material is more than I can give early in the year. The receipt of these called forth many letters from members and genealogical departments of libraries, etc., most of which were of such a kindly nature to cheer your secretary to better efforts. Among these especially to be noted is one from Mrs. J. E. Robinson, an associate member from Bloomington, Ill., who wishes to become an active member, Mr. Chandler Wolcott, our historian, who took time from his vacation to write a few words of appreciation, as did Dr. Edwin Wolcott, Mr. Clarence K. Wolcott, of Corning, N. Y., Rev. Henry B. Wolcott, of British West Indies, Mrs. W. H. Coles, of Newcastle, Wyoming, State Vice-President, and Mr. Bruce Wolcott, of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Judson Wolcott never fails to add his word of appreciation, and Rev. Peter Clark Wolcott, of Chicago, has sent in such a newsy letter that I shall include it in this report. (Notes from letter appear in Scrapbook.)

The success of the reunion this year has been due almost entirely to the Chairman, Walter B. Wolcott and his wife. The long distance between the chairman of the executive committee and the Secretary-Treasurer has caused delay in mails, and made his work most difficult, but with true Wolcott determination he has shouldered the burden placed upon him, and has cheerfully done all in his power to make everything ready for the meeting.

Before closing this report I must add a word of praise for the president whose enthusiasm is as great as ever, and for the vice-presidents of states, Mary E. Wolcott, of Colorado, Mrs. W. H. Coles, of Wyoming, Mrs. Beulah Frazer, of Illinois, Mr. Harry A. Bliss, of Ohio, Mrs. Oscar Hogan, of Michigan, appointed in place of Mrs. Bissell whose health compelled her to resign.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY WOLCOTT GREEN.

Following the reading of the report it was moved by Miss Ellen Hayes and seconded by Edmund Wolcott that a vote of thanks by telegram be sent to our Secretary-Treasurer. The Treasurer's report was as follows:

Treasurer's Report of The Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott

Year Ending September 1, 1921

Balance on hand from last year..... \$21.01

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Initiation and dues..... | 320.00 |
| Sale of Stationery..... | 10.88 |
| Sale of Pins..... | 31.50 |
| Sale of Coat-of-Arms..... | 7.00 |
| Refund on Stationery (Hearn's)..... | .57 |
| Returned by P. O. for Lost Pin..... | 5.00 |

Total Receipts\$395.96

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| Printing Report and Certificate..... | \$246.50 |
| Printing Official Stationery, "Facts," Envelopes, etc.. | 41.00 |
| Clerical Work | 53.00 |
| Postage and Express | 36.78 |
| Pins | 44.10 |
| Salary, Secretary-Treasurer | 150.00 |

Total Disbursements\$571.38
Deficit (not including invitations)..... 175.52

Respectfully submitted,

MARY WOLCOTT GREEN, *Treasurer.*

The informal report of the Historian then followed:

"Members of the Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott: The report of your Historian may be given in a few sentences. A score or more of applications for membership have been examined for the purpose of sustaining a rejectory clause to eligibility. A large number of letters from various parts of the United States have brought data which have made it plain that there are lines of descent past and present which should be added to those given in the Wolcott Genealogy, also numerous possibilities for discovering more. Just how long this matter should be allowed to accumulate before an effort is made to classify and print it is a question for the Society as is also the question of financing such an enterprise. It is the judgment of your Historian that it had best be left in abeyance until after the more pressing subjects of incorporation and purpose be determined. The co-operation of all the members in extending the genealogy is appreciated."

Respectfully submitted,

CHANDLER WOLCOTT, *Historian.*

After the acceptance of the report of the Registrar, Mrs. J. P. Marshall, came the call upon the vice-presidents when it was found that the states of New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Vermont, Rhode Island and Washington, D. C., were represented.

The reports of the chairman of committees were called for and the report of the Purpose Committee was read also a communication from the Historical Society of Windsor, (the oldest town in the state of Connecticut) from its president, George E. Crosby, Jr. As the report of the Purpose Committee was in regard to the project of buying a permanent home for the society, and gave a careful survey of property in Windsor in which the committee, William A. Wolcott and Charles E. Thompson had very thoroughly covered all details, it was moved by Dr. Wolcott and seconded by H. Wolcott, that this report be placed on file and as the purpose of the Windsor Historical Society is for the preserving of all old relics and landmarks of Windsor with which this society is so much interested, that the letter be turned over to the purpose committee.

The report of the chairman of Badge Committee, Mrs. L. Bruce Wolcott, was: Badges cost \$18.75; sales \$15.00, deficit \$3.75, which was cleared up leaving no deficit. Owing to lack of time the report of Finance Committee was carried over to the afternoon session. President Wolcott appointed the following nominating committee:

Chairman, John M. Wolcott; Mrs. Judson Wolcott, Miss Ellen Hayes, L. Bruce Wolcott, Dr. E. Wolcott.

Afternoon Session, September 8, 1921

Thursday afternoon the report of the Finance Committee was given and accepted. After some discussion it was moved by Dr. Edwin Wolcott and seconded by Mrs. Judson Wolcott that no salaries be paid to any officers of society for the present, owing to condition of finances. The motion was carried.

Chairman John M. Wolcott, of the Nominating Committee, then reported the following nominees for 1922: Duncan Brewster Wolcott, President, Kent, Ohio; Harry A. Bliss, Vice-President, Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. Mary Wolcott Green, Secretary, Englewood, Florida; Edmund Wolcott, Treasurer, 441 Pearl St., New York City; Mrs. J. P. Marshall, Registrar, 305 West 87th St., New York City; Chandler Wolcott, Historian, 99 Park Ave., Rochester, N. Y. These were elected without opposition.

It was decided that the Finance Committee be abolished and a committee be appointed to be known as the Executive Ways and Means Committee, to take its place. It was then moved that this committee proceed at once to see that The Society of the Descendants of Henry Wolcott be incorporated, and that this Ways and Means Committee be given entire control of the Society's expenditures during the year.

It was further moved and carried that the office of Secretary and Treasurer be separated and hereafter there be two officers, owing to the increasing amount of work.

Members in attendance were asked to give suggestions that would promote the growth and efficiency of the society. Mrs. J. P. Marshall, of New York City, recommended that a leaflet be printed for circulation giving more information as to what the society had so far accomplished as to family data collected, membership, officers, etc., similar to "Facts," more in detail to create interest in membership. This would not interfere with the Annual Report which was more particularly for the interest of members. Several more suggestions were offered but no action taken.

It was then moved and carried that this business meeting be adjourned until the Reunion of 1922 to be held second week in August, at Cleveland, Ohio.

The following Committees were elected for the year of 1922:

Executive Ways and Means: William Wolcott Wiard, Chairman, 111 Wyoming St., Syracuse, N. Y.; Eben H. Wolcott, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. Edwin H. Wolcott, 57 So. Union St., Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. William F. Starz, Fowler, Ind.; L. Bruce Wolcott, 2717 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. John M. Wolcott, Washington, D. C.; Stanley Wolcott Hayes, Richmond, Ind.

Membership: Mrs. J. E. Wolcott, Chairman, 2272 Grand View Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Irving A. Dean, Grand Rapids, Mich; Mrs. Cora W. Havens, Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. J. P. Marshall, New York City; Clarence K. Wolcott, Corning, N. Y.

Purpose: William A. Wolcott, Chairman, 55 May St., Hartford, Conn.; Col. C. E. Thompson, Hartford, Conn.; Herbert R. Wolcott, Springfield, Mass.; Dr. Thomas Clayton Wells, Philadelphia, Pa.; Herbert W. Wolcott, Buffalo, N. Y.

Publicity: Craig W. Green, Chairman, New York *World*, New York City; N. A. Wolcott, Warren, Ohio; W. W. Beadell, Arlington, N. J.; Mrs. Harry K. Wolcott, Norfolk, Va.

Badge: Mrs. Bruce Wolcott, Chairman, 2217 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Mabel Hewitt, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Miss Rose A. Wolcott, Cleveland, Ohio.

Banquet, Thursday Evening, September 8

The annual banquet of the society was held in the Hotel Vendome, Boston, Thursday evening, with a good attendance of the members of the family present at the reunion. The Invocation was given by the Rev. Clifton H. Walcott. Harry K. Wolcott, of Norfolk, Va., as toastmaster presided in his usual pleasing manner. The principal speaker of the evening was the Hon. Roger Wolcott, of Boston, who gave the eulogy on "Roger Wolcott—a Man—born July, 1847, died December, 1900," written by Roland Corthell.

In the address the speaker gave praise to the manly endowments of Roger Wolcott, the great Spanish War Governor of Massachusetts, to his splendid mental attainments and to his distinguished lineage as well as to his integrity of character and principles. A man, he said, who accepted with modesty his inheritance of the old family name and wealth, leaving the first unsullied and using the latter to carry on the high ideals of family toward state and country.

Responses to toasts were given by the following members of the family: Col. Charles E. Thompson, of Hartford; N. P. Jones, Poultney, Vt.; Mrs. J. P. Marshall, New York City; President Judson E. Wolcott, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Judson E. Wolcott, Henry Wolcott, E. E. Wolcott, New York; Harry Bliss, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. C. H. Walcott, E. C. Wolcott, Ada Wolcott, Dover, N. H.; James Wolcott, New Jersey; and Miss Hull.

To the following named members of committees many thanks are due for their untiring help in the preparations for the reunion. Also to Mrs. J. P. Marshall in acting as secretary during the absence of the regular secretary, Dr. Mary W. Green:

Committees — Executive and Program: Walter Bissell Wolcott, Chairman; Mrs. Walter B. Wolcott. Publicity: Craig W. Green. Badge: Mrs. L. Bruce Wolcott. Finance: Stanley Wolcott Hayes, Warner Wolcott, Harry K. Wolcott, William Wolcott Wiard, Newton A. Wolcott. Poet Laureate: Wellman L. Wolcott.

REPORT OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REUNION, SOCIETY OF DESCEND- ANTS OF HENRY WOLCOTT

Held August 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1922, at Cleveland, O.

The sessions of the reunion opened in the Georgian room of the Hotel Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, Tuesday, August 8, 1922, with the following members in attendance:

Allen, Mrs. F. L., Kent, Ohio.
Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A., East Cleveland, Ohio.
Bliss, Imogene Fisher, East Cleveland, Ohio.
Briggs-Wall, Mrs. Henrietta, Akron, Ohio.
Carlisle, Nellie Wolcott, Hesperia, Mich.
Chipman, Miss Phebe Blauvelt, Cleveland, Ohio.
Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H., East Cleveland, Ohio.
Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore, Lakewood, Ohio.
Dowman, Mrs. Hettie, Bedford, Ohio.
Elliott, A. Wolcott, Twinsburg, Ohio.
Gentry, Mrs. Eva Wolcott R., Maumee, Ohio.
Goodsell, Helen Shaw, Cleveland, Ohio.
Goodsell, Winifred H., Cleveland, Ohio.
Green, Mary Wolcott, Englewood, Fla.
Harris, Mr. and Mrs. A. F., Cleveland, Ohio.
Harryhurst, Mrs. Emma, Cleveland, Ohio.
Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wolcott, Richmond, Ind.
Hogan, Mrs. Blanche Wolcott, Lansing, Mich.
Hull, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hayden, Cleveland, Ohio.
Hunt, Letha L., Cleveland, Ohio.
Mahaffey, Mr. and Mrs. A. R., Akron, Ohio.
Marshall, Mrs. J. P., New York City.
Parsons, Miss E. S., Kent, Ohio.
Perry, Mrs. Ethel, Athens, Pa.
Robbins, Dr. Jane E., Weathersfield, Conn.
Seller, Mary N., Meadville, Pa.
Shaw, G. Vernon, Lakewood, Ohio.
Shaw, W. A., Chardon, Ohio.
Warren, Mrs. F. D., Wellington, Ohio.
Wilson, Ella Grant, Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, Annette L., Akron, Ohio.
Wolcott, Miss Arlene, Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, Alice F. (Mrs. C. G.), Shinglehouse, Pa.
Wolcott, Mrs. Avis G., Bedford, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, Tallmadge, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mrs. Bert, Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, C. A., Warren, Ohio.

Wolcott, D. B., Kent, Ohio.
Wolcott, Donald, Tallmadge, Ohio.
Wolcott, Edmund, New York City.
Wolcott, Ellen M., Warren, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B., Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mrs. F. W., Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Francis B., Tallmadge, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mrs. F. J., Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, Rev. George H., Maumee, Ohio.
Wolcott, Harry W. E., Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mrs. Harry W., Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. H. W., Bedford, Mass.
Wolcott, Herbert R., Kent, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W., Buffalo, N. Y.
Wolcott, Irving L., Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. John M., Washington, D. C.
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Judson E., Sr., Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Judson E., Jr., Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, J. M., Akron, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W., Akron, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. L. Bruce, Baltimore, Md.
Wolcott, Mary E. H., Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, Miss Mary P., Akron, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mary Gabriel, Buffalo, N. Y.
Wolcott, Marie Ross, M.D., Buffalo, N. Y.
Wolcott, Marion A., Kent, Ohio.
Wolcott, Millie E., Akron, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. N. A., Warren, Ohio.
Wolcott, Oliver H., Akron, Ohio.
Wolcott, Rose A., Cleveland, Ohio.
Wolcott, Ruby Margaret, Shinglehouse, Pa.
Wolcott, S. E., Orwell, Ohio.
Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Warren, Jefferson, Ohio.

Wednesday Morning, August 9, 1922

The first formal session was opened at 10 a. m. The president, Duncan B. Wolcott, of Kent, Ohio, called the meeting to order. Invocation was offered by the Rev. George H. Wolcott, of Maumee, Ohio. The Hon. James W. Holcombe, Commissioner of Railroads, of Cleveland, in behalf of Mayor Kohler, welcomed the society to the city in a happy manner:

"To me this opportunity is most gratifying—the opportunity to look into the faces of a family so representing a truly American product." In referring to the Holcombe family as having also come from Connecticut, Mr. Holcombe said, "My father used to refer to it as the state of basswood hams and wooden nutmegs. I once went to the town of Granby, to look upon the tombs of my ancestors and when I found a shaft of red sandstone bearing the inscription, 'Here lies Amzi Holcombe—the most respected of all the Holcombes,' I left while my credit was good. History tells that Virginia is the 'Mother of Presidents', and as Ohio is her daughter that fame has long since passed to the daughter and now Ohio is the 'Mother of Presidents,' and not the least of her distinguished sons, who have graced the president's chair, is Warren G. Harding, who is president of us all whatever our party affiliations.

"I was in Buffalo at the time of the assassination of President McKinley. Great excitement prevailed as the news passed through the crowd on the street, that McKinley had been shot. Some one yelled, 'good for him,' when a tall, Roman Catholic priest, a Democrat, loomed up, his big fist shot out and the speaker went down as soon as the words had left his lips. I knew then that there was nothing to fear for this government as long as the spirit of such people dominated it.

"I am glad to have met you and Cleveland welcomes you and whenever you come back she will give you a warm greeting."

The President, Duncan Brewster Wolcott, in reply to the address said, "We are glad that Mayor Kohler sent one of the powers behind the throne to speak to us and glad that his representative was a Holcombe, who knew us in Connecticut in the olden days. Eight years ago this society met in Cleveland and enjoyed seeing its beautiful parks and its fine homes and again we are here to behold its increasing prosperity. Sometimes I have had vain fears that we Wolcotts might have a false pride but I know that we will preserve the foundation of American ideals. This society is not for one particular family, but back of it is the impress of the old, firm New England strain, the real American spirit. We thank you for your welcome to your fair city."

Telegrams and letters of greeting were read from the following: Mrs. Carl Reasel, State Vice-President, Western New York; Mr. Clarence K. Wolcott, New York; Mrs. C. W. Dyar, Ohio; Mrs. Carrie B. Wolcott, State Vice-President, California; Mrs. Beulah Frazer, Chicago; N. A. Wolcott, California; Darwin B. Wolcott, California; William A. Wolcott, Hartford, Connecticut; Rev. and Anna Wolcott Bissell, Michigan; Mrs. Charles Paterno, New York;

Ira S. Wolcott, Pennsylvania; Wm. N. Wolcott, State Vice-President, Iowa; Miss Sabina Wolcott, Illinois.

The list of those whose deaths had been reported during the year was then read by the secretary and a fitting tribute paid to their memories.

Mr. Edmund Wolcott, of New York City, the new treasurer, read the report of the society's finances from January 1st to August 4th, 1922. The report appears under a separate heading. Mr. Wolcott reported that bills had been sent out to members in arrears for dues and even a reminder had been sent, but there was a dead list too heavy for the society to carry. He would be in favor of dropping those names from the list of members. The former treasurer reported that she had often had such members pay up dues for several years while attending a reunion held in their part of the country, and that she had been authorized to keep on the list all who had paid dues for three years. No vote resulted from the discussion. It was then moved by Mr. Judson E. Wolcott and carried that the Treasurer's Report be accepted with a vote of thanks.

Treasurer's Report of The Society of Descendants of Henry Wolcott

January 1, to August 4, 1922

Cash received from former Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1922.... \$22.08

RECEIPTS:

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Dues | 445.35 |
| Sales of Stationery | 3.50 |
| Sale of Pin | 8.00 |
| | <hr/> \$478.93 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Printing | \$100.48 |
| Report | \$51.50 |
| Stationery | 34.09 |
| "Facts" | 14.89 |
| Secretary's Salary for 1921 | 100.00 |
| Postage | 33.98 |
| Rubber Stamps | 1.15 |
| Collections on Checks by Bank..... | .30 |
| | <hr/> \$235.91 |

Balance on hand \$243.02

The report of the Registrar, Mrs. J. P. Marshall, for 1921-1922, was then read, and accepted.

The Committee on Incorporation then reported that papers were all completed except for the names of the signers. The completion of this business appears in Thursday morning's report. Vice-President Harry A. Bliss offered the suggestion that a trust fund be created to take up

work of any kind that might become of interest to the society. At the close of the discussion it was moved by Mr. Edmund Wolcott, seconded by Mrs. Marshall, that a committee be appointed to draw up such a resolution that it might be in conformity with the incorporation and constitution. Motion carried and following named committee appointed: Mr. Harry Bliss, Cleveland; Mr. Herbert Wolcott, Buffalo; Mr. Stanley Wolcott Hayes, Richmond, Ind. In reply to a question as to why the society was not incorporated in the state of Connecticut, Mr. Duncan Wolcott stated that there was no special reason for incorporating in Connecticut except the one of sentiment and that Ohio had been chosen because most of the members of the committee of incorporation lived in that state. Meeting then adjourned until Thursday morning. Members were conducted to the roof of the hotel where their pictures were taken.

Wednesday afternoon the members were taken through the beautiful driveways of the city by the entertainment committee whose names follow: Judson E. Wolcott, Chairman; Mrs. Judson E. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Bliss, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. E. Wolcott, Miss Rose A. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. V. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wolcott, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Wolcott, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elliot, Mrs. F. B. Wolcott, Mrs. F. J. Wolcott, Mrs. C. F. Wolcott, Miss Arline P. Wolcott, Wellman L. Wolcott.

Wednesday Evening—Banquet

The banquet was held in one of the ballrooms of the Hotel Cleveland and was well attended by the members of the society. Mr. John M. Wolcott, of Washington, D. C., presided as toastmaster. The Invocation was given by Rev. George H. Wolcott, of Maumee, Ohio. Mr. Harry A. Bliss lead in singing the "Reunion" song written by Geneva V. Wolcott, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. John M. Wolcott gave the following address:

"Tonight we meet at the festive board as children who have wandered afar, but have returned home. Ohio was my native state, so truly I am home. The symbols of luck are around us. I do not now refer particularly to the horseshoe, though I believe that emblem of good luck is nailed to the lintel of every Wolcott home, but to the thought of home. The home life, and this gathering of the family around the table here tonight is emblematic of our home life. I lose my patience entirely, when I hear the persistence that suggests disciplined propaganda, Socialist Salvationists, by writers of all kinds, who are informing the public that the influence of the American home is on the wane. Let us just tell the truth once and for all to the Old Aunties of drab colored days and to the later Antis, and that is, that the American home of today represents the highest type of family association on the face of the earth. They were never more exalted in worth, never more potential in influence than they are today, and every one sound in mind and normal in soul will thank God for these homes in which today love and duty and righteousness abide and from which in endless procession issue the world's most splendid citizenship, and I feel an assurance that in the preservation of this Society there is a tie running back to the immortal beginning of this American Republic, and that our sons and daughters who go on, will keep these supreme inheritances and carry them on to a fulfillment of a great American destiny.

"Keep the homes fires burning, the family lamp lighted, its gentle radiance is needed in this jazz weary world of ours."

In introducing the next speaker the toastmaster said, "No one is richer in relatives than I am and it is a particular pride to me that tonight so many of those present are from my own branch of the family. I present to you the President of our Society, my brother's son, Duncan Brewster Wolcott, of Kent, Ohio.

Mr. Wolcott said among other things:

"On an occasion like this, let us stop to take a personal inventory of ourselves; what we are—where we came from—what we owe to generations that are gone and what we must impart to those that take up our work when we are done. As descendants of Henry Wolcott, the English emigrant from Tolland, we are essentially English. From the mother country we received our language, our forms of jurisprudence, our general ideals of life, our love of individual justice and freedom of individual thought. So long as the family remained in the state of its adoption they intermarried with their own country people and any ad-

mixture with foreign blood came only in the last two or three generations when the family had commenced to scatter into other localities. It is a pure type of English born, New England family and so far as I have ever learned all of the name of Wolcott spring from one source—the Wolcotts of the Connecticut Valley, descendants of the first Henry who settled there in 1630.

“We are here tonight in this delightful spot, in this beautiful city, in a country where life is worth living, at peace with all the world, because away back in the early days of the 17th century, that country gentleman of England, left a home of comparative comfort and turned his face across the seas to try his fortunes in a new and distant land.

“Those old Puritans mixed liberty and intolerance in a strange manner. They believed in religious liberty as viewed from their standpoint, but the exact brand of liberal religion brought across the Atlantic was not liberal enough for some. Everything seemed to combine to make those early settlers harsh and intolerant of other people’s ideas. The cold, bleak winters, the fight with nature and wild beasts for a mere existence, the thin soil upon the rocks of the upper Atlantic coast all tended to mold a race of stern men and women. The Puritan mother helped to carve out the Nation as well as did the Puritan father but the father was always the head of the household.

“Sometimes we feel that the present-day Wolcotts are less prominent than were their early fathers; that we can be compared to the hill of potatoes—the best part under ground. But we must remember that there was less competition for high honors in their time and that many of our family achieved fame when armed conflict was the order of the day.

“I do not believe that the family of today in its entirety has lost any of its old time vigor, its sterling qualities, or its characteristics of good citizenship. In their first home they had an early lesson in self government, for no colony enjoyed such a democratic form of government as did the Colony of Connecticut, with the possible exception of Rhode Island. They had a liberal charter from the very first which was never changed until the formation of the States.

“My own immediate branch of the family settled in Ohio, in Summit County about a century ago, my great-grandfather having been a surveyor for the Connecticut Land Company. It is related that my great-grandmother Wolcott, being homesick to visit Connecticut, made the journey back alone on horseback, returning in the same manner through the unbroken wilds to her new home.

“Men are all too self conceited. We take too much credit to ourselves for what we enjoy, when in fact the present merely represents the resultant of years of toil and effort by a slow evolution now springing into its full being. We take a just pride in our schools and universities. But who made them possible? Not you nor I. We are simply busy gathering the fruits made possible by those who planted these young trees of knowledge and sacrificed time and money in their nourishment before we were born. Can the educational world measure its debt of gratitude to Horace Mann? This pioneer in the little college of Antioch kindled the fires of education in Ohio until today there are more students in

schools of higher education in the Buckeye State than any other in the Union.

"It is a common error to put too much emphasis upon the worth of men who rode to fame over the dead and bleeding bodies of their fellow men.

"Every schoolboy knows of Caesar, of Napoleon, of Hannibal, and of Alexander. But ask him who Morton was and what he discovered and he is silent. It is not his fault but rather our own. There has been help up to him false ideals of greatness.

"Put in your histories and into your schoolrooms the names and faces of those men whose life work has been creative instead of destructive. Men like Morton who from his great discovery of the use of anesthetics has alleviated the bed of suffering and pain by the means of a blessed form of insensibility; like Louis Pasteur who has made life more secure from destructive germs; like Luther Burbank who has made two blades grow where there was but one; like Thomas Edison who has turned night into day—that wizard of science who has snatched from the realms of mystery the wonders of the Twentieth Century. The works of such men have made life sweeter, have cheered the disheartened and brought everlasting blessings to the world we live in. They are the true giants of history."

Following the president's speech was a vocal solo, "At Dawning," by Mrs. Judson E. Wolcott, Jr., rendered in a most pleasing manner and which received hearty applause.

Mrs. Ella Grant Wilson, Secretary of the Northern Ohio Grant Association, was presented to the society and said she was there as substitute for Theodore E. Burton, who is the president of the Grant Family Association—a family of over ten thousand descendants, "not one traced to the penitentiary, like your own family, they are clean and law abiding. We were neighbors to the Wolcotts in Windsor, also from the very beginning. Mathew Grant came to Dorchester, Mass., May 18, 1631, on the Mary and Ann, he became town clerk and surveyor and was called honest Mathew Grant. The records of our family show several marriages between Grants and Wolcotts, Captain Gideon Wolcott married Rachel Grant, Abiel Wolcott married Adaline Grant, Roswell Grant married a Wolcott, who was a daughter of General Erastus Wolcott. Abigail Grant married a Turner, whose mother was Rebecca Wolcott. Since we lived together in the old days and were from the same class of English, we have a past and future in common, and a common service to maintain our common heritage."

Mrs. Eva Wolcott Gentry, of Maumee, Ohio, recited "Penelope's Christmas Dance" in such a pleasing manner that in demand to an encore she gave another selection entitled, "Contentment."

The secretary in response to the call for a monologue asked permission to place before the members a more pressing matter that had been suggested to her by a new member for the first time at a reunion, Mrs. Henrietta Briggs-Wall, of Akron, O. The suggestion was that the Society of Wolcotts have a practical aim. "It is not enough that we have pride in our ancestry," Dr. Green continued, "but, unless our own lives

are moulded into the history of our country through service, we have traded our birthright for a mess of pottage. We cannot face the generations to come unless we maintain the standards of the past. To some of us has been given wealth which may be used for the betterment of our country. To none of us, I trust, has come such poverty of ideas, of health, of ambition that we cannot afford to give our service to our country's welfare. Our nation today is threatened by an influence as devastating to American ideals, as was the World War to little Belgium. We must face this condition. This evil influence is the ignorance of our civic duty; an ignorance which belongs not to the foreigner alone, but to too many of those who first saw the light on American soil.

"The 'New Patriot Plan,' as presented in this country by Mrs. Briggs-Wall, in 1919, desires to enlist the people to publicly celebrate the 'Civic Birthday' of those becoming voters on age and those newly naturalized in each community, on 'The Nation's Birthday.' That these new voters be the guests of honor on such occasions and taught to feel the necessity for their personal service, as citizens to the country's welfare. Surely the descendants of the man who left a life of ease to brave the hardships of the wilderness for freedom of conscience, should be willing to pay honor one day in the year to this inheritance by joining in this community service."

After an amusing monologue by Dr. Green the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"Resolved, That we the Members of the Wolcott Family assembled at the Hotel Cleveland at our annual dinner, endorse the patriotic efforts of the 'Patriot Plan,' to Americanize the young citizens and alien population, and to this plan we promise our united effort."

The toastmaster stated that there were more Wolcotts in Akron, Ohio, than in any other town of its size, and that he would call upon a man whose wife, father, mother, brother, sister and husband, and his wife's sister were present, all from Akron, Ohio, Mr. Kenneth Wolcott, who is what is known in politics as "well heeled." Mr. Kenneth Wolcott disclaimed all the credit for the Akron inhabitants' attendance at the reunion. That credit was due to the untiring efforts of Judson E. Wolcott.

Among the many good things said by the next speaker, Rev. George H. Wolcott was that, "Service today is needed to make us better citizens. When a man formerly moved into a new neighborhood, the first question asked was 'What is he worth?' Later the question was 'How did he make it?' Now the question is 'What is he doing?' It is not the show but the service that counts and I heartily endorse the plan evolved by Mrs. Briggs-Wall and presented by Dr. Green, it is our duty to call all our energies to the Americanization of the people." Mr. Wolcott said he was able to render special service during the war and his son, Gordon McKinley Wolcott was twenty-two months in the service.

Mr. Herbert Wolcott, of Buffalo, was introduced as the brother of a great orator and so should make a speech. Mr. Wolcott responded by explaining his great modesty. He said, "I have attended two other reunions, one at Warren and one in New York, this is better than

either, first because of this banquet, and second because of the plans of Harry A. Bliss to place the finances of the society on a firm basis. The greatest pride of all is that of example and ancestry. Many a man has become great by his own efforts because he has felt that the ideals set by his ancestors compelled him to do great things—has maintained his honor, integrity and courage because he dared not fail his forebears. In promoting these ideals our society can do great work."

The toastmaster called upon the "old wheel horse," Judson E. Wolcott, of Cleveland. Mr. Wolcott replied, "You all know I cannot make a speech. Eighteen years ago we received a notice of the Wolcott meeting to be held at Orwell, September 23, 1905. Mrs. Wolcott and myself went down. Teams were at the station to carry us three miles out to the beautiful lawn and trees of the home of Sereno Wolcott, who is here with us, as is also N. A. Wolcott and Warren Wolcott."

Mr. Harry Bliss in response to his name said: "As I have listened to the lofty sentiments expressed here tonight I have tried to think of something high and so have thought of areoplanes. They go now from Cleveland to Detroit in ninety minutes. Perhaps we shall have a reunion some day to which we shall all come in areoplanes." After a humorous story from Mr. Wolcott the banquet closed.

The unanimous verdict of those attending the reunion, was that great praise was due to Mr. and Mrs. Judson E. Wolcott and to Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Bliss for their untiring efforts as well as the other members of the entertainment committee, in making this reunion one to be long remembered.

Thursday Morning, August 10, 1922

The business meeting of the society was called to order by the president and the annual report of the secretary called for.

"Mr. President and Wolcott kin," said Dr. Green. "Another year has passed and I trust found us better, wiser and more philosophical, for if we bring not these things into our lives, why grow older? Since I met with you two years ago, in New York, so many things that were not even dreams then now form a part of the living present that it leads us to look more into the future. Our society has before it bigger aims and plans and if we wish it to live and to progress in usefulness we must lay the foundation now. I wish to thank you for relieving me of the burden of the office of treasurer by separating the two offices, making the work much lighter. The new treasurer does not have the answering of the personal letters which nearly always accompany the dues. Letters in which reports of deaths, births, marriages and illness in the family are contained, also there are frequently newspaper clippings of honors coming to some member of the family all of which make the personal touch so necessary on the part of the secretary in a family organization like this society and should not be connected with bills and the paying of dues. Your secretary has sent out 650 personal letters this year. When the Boston meeting closed and I learned that we had a new treasurer and of the bills to be settled, I thought we might be able to raise part of the amount due and sent out some sixty letters of a personal nature to delinquents and the money thus secured paid quite a large amount of the deficit. It left but a small amount on the printing bill and the secretary's salary. These Mr. Wolcott paid later out of funds received. This year Mr. William Wolcott Wiard, of the Ways and Means Committee, has sent out numerous letters to delinquents so that we may hope to soon have a list of members who pay every year. The following named members have resigned: Miss Mary Wolcott Durham, Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dean, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Miss Ellen Hayes, Wellesley, Mass.; Dr. N. Emmons Paine, West Newton, Mass.; Mr. Herbert W. Wolcott, Jackson, Mich.

"There are some members who wish to be placed on the list of associate members, but it was my understanding at New York that it was settled that all eligible members must become active. Lt.-Col. Melzar C. Richards has written about this matter and I wish to learn if I am not right. Mrs. David Cook, of Ottawa, Ill., and Mrs. J. E. Robinson, of Bloomfield, Ill., ask to be made active members. I have answered some forty letters in regard to there being no report of the Boston meeting. As you remember at the Boston meeting it was voted that no salaries were to be paid owing to the deficit in the treasury. Owing to being a professional woman and very busy, I had been allowed to hire a typist and as the material comes in slowly from varied and far distant sources it is usually late when I get it intelligently handled, though I begin it in September. This spring I had considerable of the material prepared but had not the minutes of the Boston meeting when my school closed in May. As soon as the minutes came I learned that I would

be obliged to obtain the consent of the Ways and Means Committee before hiring the work typed and as this committee, as you know, lived in cities far distant from Florida and as this committee might not have agreed on the question I took the advice of the treasurer and did nothing more about it. If the Boston report had been printed there would have again been a deficit in the treasury. But if the reports are not published then we will lose many members who only keep in touch with the society through this publication.

"I have received notice of four changes in addresses and I urge members to keep the secretary informed of such changes. The deaths, births and marriages that have been sent in appear under separate headings and I urge members to keep the secretary informed of these events. The treasurer has had two new members added to his family tree but tells me he did not think it worth while to send them in. The only reason for this society's existence is to preserve the past records and add those of the present to these annals.

"There has been collected by the society for stationery, \$20.75. Also \$2.00 has been received from Mrs. Charles Wolcott, of Cleveland, the first donation toward the new fund. From Miss Blauvelt Chipman comes the donation of the funeral sermon delivered by Rev. Amzi Backus over Oliver Wolcott. This pamphlet was found among the private papers of the late Dr. Chipman.

"In thanking you for your attention I wish to make a request that you find someone to take my place as secretary of this society as I am not able to find the time necessary to prepare this report as it should be done to be of value to the society. I also am obliged to spend my summers in Florida which makes an added expense for transportation for myself, which neither the society or myself should bear."

Respectfully submitted,

MARY WOLCOTT GREEN, *Secretary*.

Report was accepted.

Concerning matter of Associate Membership, Secretary was sustained.

Mr. Herbert Wolcott gave the report of the Committee on Trust Fund. The matter of buying the old family home at Windsor, the publication of historical matters concerning the family, the buying a home for the society where it might at some future date have a permanent meeting place and a museum for the historical relics, already in the possession of the society and also to preserve for future generations many valuable documents and relics that would come into its possession, were put forward. After several discussions the report was adopted and a fund created, to be left in the hands of the committee composed of the following named gentlemen: Mr. Harry Bliss, of Cleveland, Mr. Duncan B. Wolcott, of Kent, Ohio, and Mr. William Wolcott Wiard, of Syracuse, N. Y., this committee to make such rules as would conform with those governing the rules of incorporation.

The committee on incorporation: Chairman, Duncan B. Wolcott, Kent, Ohio, Judson B. Wolcott, Cleveland, Harry A. Bliss, Cleveland,

Harry K. Wolcott, Norfolk, Va., John M. Wolcott, Washington, D. C., reported and the report was accepted. An amendment was offered by Mrs. Marshall that the society should have a constitution and by-laws. After discussion it was agreed to postpone action until later. Report of Registrar, Mrs. Marshall, was read and accepted and appears under separate head. Report of badge committee, Mrs. Bruce Wolcott, Chairman, was read. Reported cost of badges, \$26.86; sale of badges, \$18.00; deficit, \$7.86. Report accepted with thanks to the chairman.

A supplementary report by the Secretary of the society for moneys collected during the reunion which were turned over to treasurer. Sale of paper and coat of arms at reunion, \$23.25; gift to fund, \$2.00; dues, \$6.00; total, \$31.25.

It was moved by Judson Wolcott that the next meeting be held in Syracuse, N. Y., during August 7, 8, and 9, 1923. Seconded by Mrs. Marshall and adopted.

Some discussion arose over the labor and expense by local committee who had in charge the arrangements for the annual reunions. It was decided that arrangements necessarily had to be in the hands of a local committee, whose duties were onerous, but that the society should insist upon its ability to pay its own expenses. Motion then carried.

Next came the annual election of officers. As it was found that this election would affect the incorporation and new constitution it was moved and seconded that the old officers remain for another year. An amendment was offered by the president, Duncan B. Wolcott that the name of Herbert W. Wolcott, of Buffalo, N. Y., be put in nomination for the presidency, amendment accepted and original motion carried.

The financial condition of the society came up for discussion. It was moved by Miss Rose Wolcott, seconded by Mr. Herbert Wolcott that all bills incurred by regular business of the society be paid without referring to the Ways and Means Committee, which owing to the widely separated location of the members could not be reached quickly. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Judson Wolcott and seconded by Mrs. John Wolcott that the reports of the Boston and Cleveland Meetings be printed in the pamphlet for 1922. Motion carried. The secretary was authorized to prepare these reports for printing and to send to the treasurer all bills which had been incurred, also those which should be incurred by her in routine of her duties, such as, postage, paper and typewriting.

It was moved by Mrs. Marshall that the actual expenses of the secretary be paid and that when she attended the reunion that the traveling expenses be paid—this to apply to the present reunion. Motion seconded by Bruce Wolcott and carried.

Mrs. Marshall asked about the leaflets ordered printed by the society but refused when passed up to the Ways and Means Committee. It was then moved by Miss Rose Wolcott and seconded by Miss Mary Seller that the president pass on all new bills, not otherwise specified, until such time as when the new constitution should come up for adoption. Motion carried.

Mr. Warner Wolcott spoke of the advisability of the society owning a large silk American flag, to be displayed at all reunions. Discussion ended in Mr. Wolcott offering to buy such flag and donate it to the society, which offer was accepted.

It was moved by Mrs. Marshall and seconded by Mr. John M. Wolcott that the "Oath of Allegiance," be printed in next report. Motion carried.

It was unanimously voted that letters of thanks be sent to the management of the Hotel Cleveland, and to the city newspapers for the courteous service and welcome given the society and to all who had aided in the arrangements of this most successful reunion.

Mrs. Briggs-Wall expressed her appreciation of the work performed by the secretary of the society by presenting her with \$10.00. The meetings of the Wolcott Society then adjourned until the next reunion to be held in Syracuse, N. Y., August 7, 8, and 9, 1923.

Report From Registrar and Chairman of Membership Committee to the Seventeenth Annual Reunion

Received during the year (August, 1920 to September, 1921) thirteen application blanks. Ten application blanks verified and forwarded to the Historian, namely:

No. 52 — MISS ANTOINETTE HARRIS, New York, N. Y.

Line 1—Henry.

2—Simeon.

3—Roger (4) (5).

6—Jemina W. Steele.

7—Amelia Steele Seaman.

8—Fanny Seaman Harris.

9—Antoinette Harris.

No. 53 — Sent out blanks, but were not returned.

No. 54 — LOUIS V. WELLNER, Auburn, N. Y.

Line 1—Henry.

2—Simeon.

3—Henry.

4—Thomas.

5—Frances (6)

7—Elizabeth Wolcott Race.

8—Christina Race Wellner.

9—Charles Wellner.

10—Louis Wellner.

No. 55 — MRS. PETER FENITY, Kane, Ill.

Line 1—Henry (2).

3—Samuel (4).

5—Elisha.

6—Gershon (7).

8—Eunice Elmira Wolcott Cory.

9—Helen E. Cory Fenity.

No. 56 — MRS. EUGENE (WOOD) TYLER, Oakland Park, N. Y.

- Line 1—Henry.
2—George (3).
4—Josiah.
5—Silas.
6—Elijah (7).
8—Preston E.
9—Inez Wolcott Wood Tyler.

No. 57 — MRS. W. A. GORDON, Omaha, Neb.

- Line 1—Henry (2).
3—Samuel (4).
5—Josiah (6).
7—Erastus.
8—Orvis A. Wolcott.
9—Orlie A. Wolcott Gordon.

No. 59 — NELLIE M. STANTON, Stockton, Ill.

- Line 1—Henry.
2—Simeon.
3—Henry.
4—Peter.
5—Giles.
9—Augustus.
7—Henry A.
8—Ellen Wolcott Stanton.
9—Nellie M. Stanton.

No. 60 — "TWINS" MATLOCK, Steubenville, Ohio.

- Line 1—Henry.
2—Simeon.
3—Roger.
4—Alexander.
5—Christopher (6).
7—Henry Philip.
8—Tama Elizabeth Wolcott Matlock.
9—Allyn Wolcott Matlock.

Twins 10 David Wolcott and George Miller Matlock.

No. 61 — MISS MARY EMILY THOMPSON, Dennis, Mass.

- Line 1—Henry.
2—Simeon.
3—Henry (4) (5).
6—Betty Wolcott Barber.
7—Mary Allen Barber Thompson.
8—Samuel Wells Thompson.
9—Mary Emily Thompson.

No. 62 — MISS HELEN W. PARKS, Chicago, Ill.

Line 1—Henry (2).

3—Samuel (4) (5).

6—Wyatt

7—James.

8—Wyatt.

9—Byron.

10—Edna M. Wolcott Parks.

11—Helen Wolcott Parks.

No. 63 — MRS. MOSES GARDNER BOYD (HARRIET TRACY), Dedham,
Mass.

Line 1—John (2) (3) (4) (5).

6—Solomon.

7—Rev. Timothy.

8—John Wesley.

9—Harriet Tracy Wolcott Boyd.

Nos. 58, 64, 65. The three not verified.

Three queries concerning membership answered to the following:
Mrs. Thos. A. Stewart; Harold W. Wolcott; Willard Linn Wolcott.

Application blanks sent out to Vice-President of Ohio, 25; Vice-President of Michigan, 6; Vice-President of Colorado, 5; Vice-President Miller, 5; Vice-President Frazer, 5.

By request questionnaires filled out for *World* and *Eagle* Almanacs for 1922, giving Society's name, and names of President and Secretary-Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. P. MARSHALL, *Registrar*.

As Chairman of Membership Committee have only to report that during past year inquiries have been received as to requirements for membership which have been replied to with "Facts" and question if application blanks were wanted. Few have answered, others not heard from yet. The certificates for showing line of descent to be given to members have not been ordered. Reason, treasury did not seem to have funds for printing them.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. P. MARSHALL.

Report of Registrar to the Eighteenth Annual Reunion

Sent out by request during year (September, 1921 to August, 1922) ten application blanks. Three received back. Verified three as follows:

No. 66 — MRS. ELIZA BELLE BOOKER GOGER, New York City.

Line 1—Henry.

2—George (3) (4).

5—Justus.

6—Rodger.

7—Mary Wolcott Reynolds.

8—Cynthia Reynolds Booker.

9—Eliza Belle Booker Goger.

No. 67 — MISS ANNIE FLORENCE ELLSWORTH, New York City.

Line 1—Henry.

2—Simeon.

3—William (4).

5—Abigail Wolcott Ellsworth.

6—Henry Ellsworth.

7—Henry William Ellsworth.

8—Annie Florence Ellsworth.

No. 68 — LEILA MARIA HARMON, Long Meadow, Mass.

Line 1—Henry.

2—Simeon.

3—Elizabeth Wolcott Cooley.

4—John Cooley.

5—Mercy Cooley (cousin).

6—John Cooley.

7—Abel Cooley.

8—Rev. Henry Cooley.

9—Frances M. Cooley Harmon.

10—Leila Maria Harmon.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. P. MARSHALL, *Registrar.*

Report of Chairman of Membership Committee to the Sixteenth Annual Reunion

Have received during the year (October, 1919, to August, 1920) thirty-one application blanks. Verified eighteen and forwarded same to the Historian.

The thirteen not verified as yet is due to not having been able to find data to confirm.

Names, addresses, and the ancestry line of the eighteen are as follows:

MRS. TRACY C. SPENCER, Chardon, Ohio.

Line 1—Henry Wolcott (2)

3—Samuel Wolcott (4).

5—Josiah Wolcott (6).

7—Lyman C. Wolcott.

8—Alida Wolcott Spencer.

NATHANIEL EMMONS PAINE, JR., Westborough, Mass.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott.
2—Hannah Wolcott Griswold.
3—Matthew Griswold.
4—Rev. George Griswold.
5—Eunice Griswold Weeks.
6—Elizabeth Weeks Paine.
7—John Alsop Paine.
8—Horace Marshfield Paine.
9—Nathaniel Emmons Paine.
10—Nathaniel Emmons Paine, Jr.

MISS HELEN ELIZABETH ROYCE, Hartford, Conn.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott (2) (3).
4—Elizabeth Wolcott Allyne.
5—Capt. Peletiah Allyne.
6—Samuel Wolcott Allyne.
7—Samuel Allyne.
8—Emily Allyne Phelps.
9—Emily Harriet Phelps Hollister.
10—Emma Gratia Hollister Royce.
11—Helen Elizabeth Royce.

MRS. JAMES E. ROBINSON, Bloomington, Ill.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott.
2—Hannah Wolcott Griswold.
3—Sarah Griswold Colton.
4—Thomas Colton (5).
6—Joanna Colton Coomes.
7—Alexander Coomes.
8—Sarah Ann Coomes Ford.
9—Hiram Ford.
10—Georgianna Ford Robinson.

ALBERT BURK WOLCOTT, Chicago, Ill.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott (2).
3—Samuel Wolcott (4) (5) (6).
7—William Wolcott.
8—John Laurens Wolcott.
9—John Homer Wolcott.
10—Albert Burk Wolcott.

MRS. GEORGE T. COLLINS, Minneapolis, Minn.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott (2).
3—Samuel (4) (5).
6—Nathaniel.
7—Simeon. Here from data given, it appears to connect with Family 9 in Appendix, page 387, thus would continue
8—Samuel Parmalee Wolcott.
9—Harriet Elnora Wolcott Collins.

All of which I consider fortunate to be able to place a Family from Appendix with the Descendants of Henry Wolcott.

HYMAN DECROSS WOLCOTT, Peoria, Ill.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott.
- 2—George Wolcott (3).
- 4—Josiah.
- 5—Silas
- 6—Elijah (7).
- 8—Hyman DeCross Wolcott.

ALBERT WOLCOTT ELLIOTT, Cleveland, Ohio.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott.
- 2—Simeon.
- 3—Roger.
- 4—Alexander.
- 5—Guy.
- 6—Anna Wolcott Emery.
- 7—Henrietta Emery Elliott.
- 8—Albert Wolcott Elliott.

FRANCIS BRYAN WOLCOTT, Akron, Ohio.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott.
- 2—Simeon.
- 3—Roger.
- 4—Alexander.
- 5—Guy (6)
- 7—Lemuel Porter Wolcott.
- 8—Bryan Treat Wolcott.
- 9—Francis Bryan Wolcott.

HENRY PIERRE WOLCOTT, Akron, Ohio.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott (2).
- 3—Samuel (4)
- 5—Josiah (6)
- 7—Erastus.
- 8—Orlando Keep Wolcott.
- 9—Orvis Orlando Wolcott.
- 10—Henry Pierre Wolcott.

CLARENCE EUGENE WOLCOTT, Akron, Ohio.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott (2).
- 3—Samuel Wolcott (4).
- 5—Josiah Wolcott (6).
- 7—Erastus Wolcott.
- 8—Orlando Keep Wolcott.
- 9—Orvis Orlando Wolcott.
- 10—Clarence Eugene Wolcott.

CORTLAND BLISS HERR, LaGrange, Ill.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott.
- 2—Simeon Wolcott.
- 3—Gov. Roger Wolcott.
- 4—Brig.-Gen. Erastus Wolcott.
- 5—Albert Wolcott.
- 6—Cynthia Wolcott Bliss.
- 7—Marie L. Bliss Herr.
- 8—Cortland Bliss Herr.

MARTHA TREAT DOUGLAS, New York, N. Y.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott.
- 2—Simeon Wolcott.
- 3—Gov. Roger Wolcott (4) (5).
- 6—Martha Wolcott Treat.
- 7—Patty Wolcott Treat McKinney.
- 8—Jerusha McKinney Douglas.
- 9—Martha Treat Douglas.

NORMAN WOLCOTT COOK, Chicago, Ill.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott.
- 2—Simeon Wolcott.
- 3—Roger Wolcott (4) (5).
- 6—Cornelius Wolcott.
- 7—Elizabeth Wolcott Gilman.
- 8—Charles Henry Gilman.
- 9—Georgia Gilman Cook.
- 10—Norman Wolcott Cook.

EDSON RAY WOLCOTT, Los Angeles, Cal.

- Line 1—Henry Wolcott (2)
- 3—Samuel Wolcott (4) (5).
- 6—Wyatt Wolcott.
- 7—James Wolcott.
- 8—Wyatt Wolcott.
- 9—John Lawrence Wolcott.
- 10—Edson Ray Wolcott.

The three names to follow are found in Appendix in Genealogy:

ORSON OLIVER WOLCOTT, Spokane, Wash.

- Abel Wolcott. Family 6.
- Oliver Wolcott. Family 6.
- Oliver Cromwell Wolcott. Family 22.
- Orson Oliver Wolcott. Family 22.

(Notice connection established with Families 6 and 22.)

EDWIN CHARLES WOLCOTT, Walnut, Ill.

- Line 1—Samuel Wolcott. Family 17.
- 2—Nathaniel Wolcott. Family 17.
- 3—Peter Wolcott. Family 17.
- 4—Henry Wolcott. Family 17.
- 5—Benjamin Wolcott. Family 17.
- 6—Benjamin Wolcott. Family 17.
- 7—Daniel Wolcott*. Family 17.
- 8—Edwin Wolcott*. Family 17.
- 9—Edwin Wolcott*. Family 17.
- 10—Edwin Charles Wolcott* Family 17.

*New Data.

MRS. EARLE VAN DYKE, Atlanta, Ga.

- Line 1—Emerson Wolcott. Family 24.
- 2—Sewell Adams Wolcott. Family 24.
- 3—Alice Wolcott Van Dyke. Family 24.

Sent out "Facts" and programs of the meeting, 100. Also have sent to the New York *World Almanac* and Brooklyn *Eagle Almanac* editor's name and purpose of this Society, name and address of the president and secretary. Thirty-one letters to the State Vice-Presidents inquiring as to progress made during the year in obtaining new members and generally promoting the interests of the Society. Fourteen replies gave reports indicating that interest was being taken to increase the membership, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of this Committee for their work and interest given.

I would make the following recommendations to the Society: New form of application blank; fee to accompany application, could be termed initiation fee; a certificate of membership, with name, line of ancestry, and whatever else might be inscribed thereon considered necessary to complete. The initiation fee could cover expense of the Certificate.

MRS. J. P. MARSHALL,
Chairman of Membership Committee.

Obituary

FREDERICK FERDINAND STREET, Hartford, Conn., (son of Martha Davenport Reynolds, a descendant of Gov. Roger Wolcott), died November 5, 1921.

RALPH PEABODY WOLCOTT, Holland Patent, N. Y., died, 1921.

HARRIET A. WOLCOTT, Utica, N. Y., died May, 1920.

ANTOINETTE L. HARMON GODDARD, Washington, Ill., died February 7, 1921.

GEORGE P. WOLCOTT, Buffalo, Wyoming, died March 24, 1921. He formerly lived in Rochester, N. Y.

MRS. HANNAH CUSHING, Princeton, Ill., died March 6, 1921, aged 80.

ROGER WOLCOTT, Honolulu, died 1921. (Brother of Senator Edward O. and Herbert Wolcott.)

MARION HADLOCK, wife of Sheppard Hadlock, Athens, Pa., (great granddaughter of Silas Wolcott), died May, 1921.

Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Bissell, Lansing, Mich., died May, 1921.

HARRIET TREAT WOLCOTT, widow of Lemuel Porter Wolcott, (aunt of Judson E. Wolcott), died in Tallmadge, Ohio, September 5, 1921.

ROSCOE WOLCOTT, Waterford, Ohio, member of this society, died February 22, 1922. (Son of Elias Lorena Starlin Wolcott.)

MARY WOLCOTT REYNOLDS, Waterford, Conn., died May 14, 1922. (Daughter of Alanson and Caroline McClure Wolcott.)

ALLEN DWIGHT WOLCOTT, Mansfield, Oregon, died February 15, 1922. (Deceased was state vice-president of Wolcott Society for Oregon.)

ALICE WOLCOTT, Shinglehouse, Pa., widow of Charles A. Wolcott, died November 25, 1922. (Member of this society.)

MRS. WILLIAM WOLCOTT died in Baltimore, Md.

ALONZO MERRILL, Athens, Pa., died March, 1922. (Son of Maria Wolcott Merrill.)

MRS. F. G. KIDDER, Clyde, N. Y., died January 11, 1921.

NORMAN B. WOLCOTT, Granger Township, Ohio, died November 25, 1921.

FRANKLIN CHARLES PIFER, son of Michael and Hannah Wolcott Pifer, born, Garrettsville, Ohio, September 14, 1842, died, Wellington, Kansas, September 26, 1921.

Frederick Ferdinand Street died at the age of 91. He has been a member of the Wolcott Society from its beginning and always had its success at heart. In his last days he spent considerable time in planning for a permanent home for the society. Mr. Street was born in Cheshire, January 26, 1830, and was the fourth of the eight children of Colonel

Thaddeus Street, by his father's second marriage, to Martha Davenport Reynolds, a descendant of Governor Roger Wolcott. On his mother's side he was a descendant of Rev. Joseph Davenport, who, in 1638, became a founder of New Haven and pastor of its historic First Church. On his father's side his immigrating ancestor was Rev. Nicholas Street, a founder of Taunton, Mass., who, in 1659 moved to New Haven and became a colleague and later the successor of Mr. Davenport.

In 1862 he married Miss Mary Abbott Chapman, a daughter of Reuben Abbott and Caroline Chapman of East Hartford. He leaves his wife, his adopted daughter, Mrs. Hawes, and a grandson, Frederick Hawes.

Mr. Street was a student of history and was interested in Indian relics. He followed genealogical matters, especially in the Wolcott, Reynolds and Street lines and attended reunions of associations of these families. He was also interested in Colonial matters. He leaves a host of friends, who were drawn to him by a genial and kindly nature.

Ralph Peabody Wolcott was born December 4, 1847. His parents were Lucett Peabody and William Wolcott. His grandfather, Henry Wolcott, served in the war of 1812. His great grandfather, Samuel Rockwell came from Connecticut the latter part of the eighteenth century and settled on the farm which has belonged to the family since that time. Samuel Rockwell served in the Revolutionary War and lived to be 104 years old. Mr. Wolcott married Isadore Davis, who survives, with the following children: Mrs. Ernest Gregory, of Broadalbin; Mrs. Clayton Seaman, of Long Lake; Miss Esther Wolcott of Utica and William R. and Walter D., of Holland Patent. Mr. Wolcott was an active member of this society for a number of years.

Miss Harriet A. Wolcott, for years one of Utica's best-known and most capable teachers was born in Holland Patent, New York, the daughter of the late Henry and Mary Wolcott. Her childhood was spent there and as a child she went with her parents to Brooklyn where she received her schooling. When a young woman she came to Utica and became principal of the Blandina Street School. Later she was promoted to the principalship of the second division of the Advanced School and held that position until about ten years ago when she retired.

Antoinette Louise Harmon, wife of Theodore S. Goddard, was born in Wheatland, Monroe County, N. Y., on August 22, 1839. She came from a long line of honorable and religious ancestry, the first Harmon coming to America in the ship "Love" in 1635. Her grandfather, Rawson Harmon, was a descendant of the first colonial secretary of Massachusetts. Her great grandfather and grandfather both fought in the Revolutionary War and her father in the War of 1812. On her mother's side the Wolcott's, one of her grandparents was a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Her grandfather emigrated with his family to western New York in 1811. His family consisted of six sons and four daughters. They all settled in western New York near Rochester and were mostly engaged in agricultural pursuits. One of the sons was the grandfather of Mrs. Grover Cleveland. Mrs. Cleveland's mother was a cousin of Mrs. God-

dard and they were brought up together. Mrs. Goddard was a second cousin of Mrs. Beulah Wolcott Frazer, an active member of this society.

Mrs. Olive C. Wells passed peacefully away at her home in Braymer, November 25, at the uncommonly ripe age of 87 years and 16 days.

Mrs. Wells was the sister of H. B. Woolcott, who is the only surviving member of the family. She was born at Holland Patent, N. Y., November 9, 1833. She was married to Ashbel Wells on January 29, 1856, and to their union one son was born, Charles W., who died January 3, 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells came to Missouri in 1867 and located near Catawba, where their estate became one of the most widely known in this part of the country.

Allen Dwight Wolcott, late vice-president for the state of Oregon, of the Society of the Descendants of Henry Wolcott, died in Mansfield, Oregon, in February, 1922. He had been a resident of Oregon for more than fifty years. His earliest days in this state were spent at Port Orford and later he was a resident of Randolph for many years. He was born in Elbridge, New York, October 21, 1838. He was 30 years old when he came to the Pacific coast by the way of the Panama Canal, a short time before the Panama railroad was completed. At first Mr. Wolcott stopped in California for two or three years and there taught school. At Port Orford he was postmaster for a period of twelve years, and afterwards was assistant postmaster at Randolph, where he conducted a general store. Mr. Wolcott was also engaged in general merchandising at Port Orford.

He was one of the oldest Masons in the state. His kindly disposition and high integrity of character caused him to be one of the most highly respected members of the communities in which he had lived. He was married after coming to Oregon to Miss Annie Lowe, in 1878. Mrs. Wolcott and the three sons survive him, besides four grandchildren. The sons are Herbert E., of Syracuse, N. Y.; Chester W., of Marshfield, and Dwight, of Berkeley, Cal.

Mrs. Alice Wolcott, widow of the late Charles A. Wolcott, of Shinglehouse, Pa., has long been a member of the Wolcott Society and attended the last reunion held in August in Cleveland. She was married to Mr. Wolcott in August, 1890. Miss Ruby Wolcott, her step-daughter, resides in Shinglehouse, and is an active member of this society.

Norman B. Wolcott was born in Granger township, December 29, 1836. He was the only child of Elizur and Susan Van Orman Wolcott. On March 11, 1866, he was married to Miss Alvira Arnold, of Copley, Ohio. One child was born to them, now Mrs. Minnie Ganyard, of Granger. When a young man Mr. Wolcott injured one of his knees with an ax which made him a cripple for life. On this account he was ineligible to serve in the Civil War. As he wanted to help the cause and could not enlist he went through the war as a cook. In this way he served many of the officers of the Union army.

During his life he travelled quite extensively, having been in more than one-half of the states of the nation, besides spending some time in

Mexico and Central America. A stroke of paralysis caused his death November 25, 1921, aged 84 years and 11 months. He leaves a wife with whom he had lived for nearly 56 years.

Marriages

Florence Elizabeth Wolcott, daughter of Mr. Edward Ellsworth Wolcott, of Chicago, Ill., was married to Mr. William Russel Hoag, on August 4, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Hoag will reside at 4645 Greenwood Ave., Chicago.

Mrs. Mary Wolcott Dunham, State Vice-President, New York, was married to Mr. Isley, in Waverly, N. Y., 1921.

Miss Bertha A. Dean, of Auburn, N. Y., was married to Mr. Alfred E. Turner on June 20, 1921. Miss Dean is a member of the society.

Miss Lorena, daughter of Mrs. J. E. Robinson, of 1141 Main St., Bloomington, Ill., was married to Mr. Harold La Verry Medbury on March 6, 1922. Mrs. J. E. Robinson is a member of this society.

Births

Jean Lister Wolcott, a member of this society through the courtesy of her grandfather, Eben H. Wolcott, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Willard Davidson Coles, born May 1, 1922, son of Mrs. W. H. Coles, of New Castle, Wyoming. Mrs. Coles is state vice-president for Wyoming of the Wolcott Society.

Oliver Henry Wolcott, born May 1, 1922, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robeson Brainard Wolcott, of Lakewood, Ohio.

Jeanne Marie Wolcott, born August 27, 1921, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Victor Wolcott, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio. The above two are the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Judson E. Wolcott, of Cleveland.

Sarah Marguerite Wolcott, born August 27, 1921, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. V. Wolcott, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Walter Craig Green, born December 24, 1921, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Craig Green, of Fort Pierce, Fla. Grand-nephew of the secretary of the Wolcott Society.

Scrapbook Notes and Family Doings

Mr. L. Bruce Wolcott celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday and the thirty-third anniversary of his wedding on February 21, 1922. He lives at 2717 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md. Mr. and Mrs. L. Bruce Wolcott have been loyal and active members of this society for many years and have both held various offices. Mr. Wolcott is head of the Wolcott Insurance Agency in Baltimore, Md.

The Rev. and Mrs. Peter Clark Wolcott, of Highland Park, Ill., spent the latter half of 1921 in Japan, Korea, Manchuria, and China. Mr. Wolcott's eldest son, Roger Dod Wolcott, has been in China for seven years and for the past three years has been an official of the Chinese Government Salt Revenue Service. For the past year and more he has been stationed at Hankow but has recently been transferred to Changsha, Hunan, as district auditor. His younger son, Leonard Clark Wolcott, was graduated from the General Theological Seminary, New York, May, 1921, and was ordained in Highland Park on May 29th. September 1, 1921 began his work in Oak Park, a suburb of Chicago. Rev. Peter Wolcott has been rector of Trinity Church, in Highland Park, for a number of years and is an active member of this society.

James G. Wolcott, of LaGrange, Ill., is slated for a unique honor as the first democratic county commissioner in many years from the country districts. "Jim" has been assessor of Lyons township for the past twenty-eight years and all his friends will be glad to see him land a plum of this kind. Mr. and Mrs. James G. Wolcott are active members of this society. Mr. Wolcott is a brother of Mrs. Beulah W. Frazer, of Chicago, State Vice-President of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ziba Roberts, of Medina, N. Y., celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary at their farm residence, January 13, 1922, at East Shelby, where they have spent their entire life and on the farm where Mr. Roberts was born, July 31, 1840. Their children were all home but Iva Roberts, who is teaching school at Saugerties; and also their three grandsons, also several of his nephews and nieces.

An interesting pamphlet on North American beetles, written by Albert Burk Wolcott, of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Ill., has been received by the secretary. Mr. Wolcott is an active member of this society.

Mrs. Davis A. Cook, of Ottawa, Ill., has been so much pleased by the literary work of the annual report of the society that she has sent the poem, "A Penitential Prayer," by Dr. Alexander Wolcott, together with the foreword of "The Two Sisters, Poems and Memories," composed by Eliza and Sarah G. Wolcott, of Connecticut, published by Baldwin & Stradway, Printers, New Haven, 1830. The poem of Dr. Alexander Wolcott was presented to the society at the reunion in Boston in 1921.

United States Senator, Josiah O. Wolcott, was made Chancellor of the State of Delaware in June, 1921, a position held by his father for many years.

The poem, "Our Fathers," appearing on the Seventeenth Annual Banquet card, 1921, was from the gifted pen of Wellman L. Wolcott, to whom the society is indebted for many other poems of merit, suitable to the family gatherings.

Burton Wolcott, of New York, won the first prize and favorable mention in the New York papers for two of his photographs, "Old City Hall," in March, 1921, and "A Rainy Day in New York," in September, 1922. Mr. Wolcott is a member of the New York Camera Club in New York, and was at the Wolcott Reunion in New York, where he took the Family Group on the roof at the Hotel Astor.

Two fine photographs of the old church in Tolland, England, and the Wolcott tombs nearby the church, have been sent to the secretary through the courtesy of Chandler Wolcott. These pictures were taken by Mrs. C. C. Ely, of Boston, who visited these places in 1921. The tombs show a state of decay that is fast obliterating all inscriptions. The old caretaker urged that the Wolcott family in this country do something to preserve this historical spot before it is too late. Mrs. Ely as the friend of the late Townsend Wolcott offered to carry any instructions to the caretaker that the family decided on in her next visit to England.

HARTFORD, CONN., Jan. 18.—A bill introduced in the Senate today incorporating the Childs-Walcott Corporation, discloses, apparently, a novel device of incorporating a family, declaring dividends and paying a corporation tax instead of income tax.

Frederic G. Walcott, Chairman of the State Fish and Game Commission and well known in New York and Washington, where he was an assistant to Food Administrator Hoover, owns a large property in Norfolk, where the office of the corporation is located.

"A Glimpse of the Life and Times of Elizabeth Saunders Wolcott" by Helen Shaw Goodsell, of Cleveland, a member of this society, is a graphic sketch of the life and times of the wife of Henry of Windsor and her bravery in leaving her children and a home of every comfort to sustain her husband in his efforts to found a colony, free from religious persecution. Illness prevented the author from giving this interesting article at the Cleveland banquet and it is with regret that its length prevents it from being published in this report. It is to be hoped that the author will be able to publish this sketch and others of the lives of some of the pioneer women of the Wolcott family who braved not only the hardships of the early days in Connecticut but of those who went forth to help build homes for freedom in the Western Reserve. These stories should be in the supplementary historical readers in our Grammar Schools and are far more fitting than the ancient legends or fables, in the plans for Americanization of our young people—plans which this society are helping to form. The graceful style of this author lends itself to the sketches of this nature and it is to be hoped that she is able to preserve some of the family history before this valuable data is lost.

Mr. Robert Robbins Wolcott, of Wethersfield, Conn., celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday on January 4, 1922. He is probably the oldest person in the town and retains his activities to the extent of being able to

greet his friends at the reception held at his home on Wolcott Hill on that date.

The attendance of the younger members of the family at the reunion and their interest in the society gave a promise for greater work on the part of this organization. The youngest member present was Miss Imogene Fisher Bliss, the charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Bliss.

The appointment of William C. Wolcott, of Cheyenne, to the superintendency of the Western division of the Union Pacific Railroad is gratifying not merely to Mr. Wolcott's friends in Cheyenne, but to the people of cities along the entire line of the Union Pacific in Wyoming. Especially is it gratifying to Cheyenneites, however, because they have known Mr. Wolcott during his boyhood days, have observed his progress in the employ of the Union Pacific and realize that his latest advancement is a just recognition of industry, fidelity and ability that will serve as an inspiration to young men of the community. From the humble station of call boy to that of executive head of the operating department of a division of a great railroad is far progress. "Billy" Wolcott has achieved it. The same ability that enabled him to go so far should, eventually, carry him much further.

The Wyoming state newspapers seem to be unanimous in their endorsement of Mr. William C. Wolcott, of Green River, Wyo., for the position of Superintendent of the Western division of the Union Pacific Railroad, as the above notice shows. It is to be regretted that Mr. Wolcott is not a member of the Wolcott Society.

To the Wolcott Society comes the honor of having the first woman to be elected as representative to the legislature of Wyoming, Mrs. Harry John Miller, of Everett, Republican, elected by 4,762 votes out of 118 precincts. Mrs. Miller is the state vice-president of this society.

Family Genealogy Notes

Information is asked for the following family by William H. Reinhart, President of The Sweet Valley Products Co., Sandusky, Ohio: Caroline Francis Laird Reinhart, daughter of Henry Wolcott Laird, is a descendant of the Wolcotts. Henry Wolcott Laird is the son of Glover Laird and Samanthaw Wolcott Laird. Samanthaw Wolcott Laird is a daughter of Claudius and Phebe Wolcott. Samanthaw Wolcott Laird, Mrs. Reinhart's grandmother, died October 27, 1852, at the age of 69, while living near Mendon, Michigan. She is buried in what is known as the Laird cemetery.

Information is asked concerning the ancestry of Henry Freeman Wolcott, born October 24, 1807, died in Claremont, N. H., July 12, 1895, married July 25, 1809 in Newbury, Vt., Christina Danforth, born July 25, 1809, in Barnet, Vt., died Clermont, N. H., April 30, 1896.

Special Announcements

The next meeting of this Society will be held in Syracuse, N. Y., August 8, 9, 1923.

The Publicity Committee requests that you secure as much publicity as possible for this meeting, both in your local papers and among all members of the Wolcott family.

The official emblem of the Society is made up as a pin or watch charm in gold with the coat-of-arms beautifully enameled. This emblem is sold only to active members at eight dollars each.

Stationery with the coat-of-arms embossed is sold to members of the Society for forty-eight cents a dozen.

The Society has for sale to members coat-of-arms printed in colors, suitable for framing at one dollar each.

Pins, coat-of-arms, stationery may be bought from the Secretary, Dr. Mary Wolcott Green, Englewood, Florida.

Application blanks will be furnished by the Secretary, the Historian, or by the Registrar, Mrs. J. P. Marshall.

If you lack proofs, write to the Historian, Mr. Chandler Wolcott. He may be able to help you.

At the last session of the reunion held in New York, Mr. Burton Wolcott, of the Camera Club, 121 West 68th St., New York, took two group pictures of the members present, on the roof of the Hotel Astor. These photographs may be obtained from him for \$1.00 (one dollar) each, by sending to the above address.

If you are interested send for reports of the meetings.

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